

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to better define the present invention, in response to the examiner's comments in paragraph 2 of the office action. More particularly, claim 1 as amended does not merely recite an intended use of the claimed invention, but recites a control unit for repeatedly changing operations of a start assistance unit and a generation restoring unit. The claim further recites that the control unit causes the rotation rate of the rotation wing to swiftly increase above a predetermined value. The overall result of the invention, also defined in amended claim 1, is that a regular rotation can be started by inertia of the start assisting rotation, even when the winds are so weak that an ordinary fixed angle wind lift type horizontal shaft wind power generator cannot be easily rotated by the wind alone.

Claims 1-2 and 7 stand rejected under § 103 on the basis of Rozman et al. US '168 and Cavaliere EP '910. Claims 3-6 and 8 stand rejected under § 103 on the basis of Rozman, Cavaliere and Smith US '305. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections because there is no reason to modify and combine the cited references to produce a device that includes the control unit of amended claim 1.

Applicants reassert the arguments previously made, in light of the most recent amendments to claim 1. In addition, please consider the following arguments.

The present application relates to a windmill that has a lift type blade with fixed pitch. Since the lift type fixed pitch windmill is configured so that its blade is directed perpendicular to the direction of the wind, this type of windmill does not start moving easily or immediately when it is exposed to wind. It is not until the wind becomes strong that the

lift type fixed pitch windmill starts to move. When the wind is strong enough to move the windmill, electricity can be generated. Therefore, for better electrically generation, the windmill needs to move in a weaker wind. The start assist of the present application helps the windmill move in such relatively weak wind.

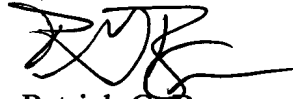
In the present application, even when the wind alone is not strong enough to start the lift type windmill, the start assist helps the windmill rotate, and this improves the generation efficiency. There is no motivation, suggestion or other reason to modify and combine the cited references to obtain the present invention, or the results of the present invention.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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